



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

2:00 PM

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

[19-3006](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 3/20/2019

[19-2304](#)

Presented by: THOMAS J. DART, Sheriff of Cook County

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Kimberly Pate Godden

Position: Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board

Effective date: Immediate

Expiration date: Third Monday in March, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Summary: This appointment is being made pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-7002 as amended by the 100th General Assembly and shall be effective immediately and "shall be staggered consistently with the terms of the other Board members. Successors ... shall be appointed to hold office for a term ending on the third Monday in March 6 years following the preceding term expiration."

Legislative History : 3/21/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

[19-2121](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Lamarr X Miller

Position: Trustee

Department/Board/Commission: South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District

Effective date: 4/25/2019

Expiration date: 4/25/2023

Legislative History : 3/21/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

[19-1443](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Karen Riley

Position: Board Member

Department/Board/Commission: Cook County Commission on Small Business and Supplier Diversity

Effective date: 2/21/2019

Expiration date: 2/21/2021

Legislative History : 2/21/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental

Legislative History : 3/20/19 - Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee - recommend for deferral

[19-2292](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE PROPERTY TAX CODE REGARDING THE SENIOR CITIZENS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Cook County senior homeowners may reduce their tax bills by hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year by taking advantage of the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption reduces the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of a home, which is multiplied by the tax rate to determine a homeowner's tax bill; and

WHEREAS, to receive the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption, an applicant must have owned and occupied the property as of January 1 and must have been 65 years of age or older during the tax year in question; and

WHEREAS, under current state law, senior citizen homeowners must re-apply for the Senior Citizens

Homestead Exemption every year; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly is currently considering various legislative proposals to eliminate the need for qualifying senior homeowners already granted the Seniors Citizens Homestead Exemption to reapply annually for the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Treasurer's office reported thousands of taxpayers who had previously received a senior exemption didn't renew this year and, countywide, seniors can save an average of \$300 a year in property taxes with the exemption; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cook County senior homeowners for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to support efforts by the Illinois General Assembly to streamline and simplify the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the Illinois General Assembly to amend the Property Tax Code regarding the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption and eliminate the necessity of senior homeowners to apply annually for the exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the President of the Illinois Senate and the Governor of Illinois.

Legislative History : 3/21/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmental



Secretary

Chairman: Suffredin
Vice-Chairman: Britton
Members: Committee of the Whole